

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 23, 2005. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 14, 16 to 20 and 22 to 24 and 26 are pending in the application, with Claim 25 having been cancelled herein and Claim 26 having been added herein. Claims 1, 11 and 23, 24 and 26 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4, 6, 7, 9 to 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 22 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,073,075 (Kondou) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,731,940 (Nagendran), and Claims 8 and 18 were rejected under § 103(a) over Kondou in view of Nagendran and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,737 (Snowdon). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns transmitting data between servers on different networks based on a user's location. According to the invention, the location of a terminal which the user carries is pursued. Based on the location of the terminal, data stored in one server is transmitted to another server located nearest the location, without the user inputting an instruction to output the data, if the another server which corresponds to the location information is different from the one server which has stored the data. Then, when the user want to output (e.g., print) the data, the data has already been transmitted to a device near the user so they can print out the data at a printer near the user's location.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is a data output system in which a plurality of output apparatuses and a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses are connected together through a network, and data stored in one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses is output by one of the plurality of output apparatuses, comprising a pursuing unit adapted to pursue a location of a terminal which a user

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carries, a data transmission unit adapted to select one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to location information indicative of the location of the terminal pursued by the pursuing unit, and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus if the selected information accumulating apparatus which corresponds to the location information is different from the another information accumulating apparatus which has stored the data, and an output processing unit adapted to transmit the data transmitted to the selected information accumulating apparatus by the data transmission unit from the selected information accumulating apparatus to the one of the plurality of output apparatuses in accordance with an instruction from the user for the output of the data, wherein the data transmission unit transmits the data from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus without an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

Amended independent Claims 11, 21 and 23, 24 and 26 are method, terminal, apparatus, storage medium, and apparatus claims, respectively, that include features which substantially correspond to those included in Claim 1.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23, 24 and 26. More particularly, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of pursuing a location of a terminal which a user carries, selecting one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to location information indicative of the location of the terminal, and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus if the selected information accumulating apparatus which corresponds to the location

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information is different from the another information accumulating apparatus which has stored the data.

Kondou is merely seen to disclose a mobile terminal 10 that informs a server 21 of positional information on a current position and destination of the terminal. The server 21 selects and retrieves "service information" from a database based on the positional information and sends the retrieved information to the mobile terminal. Thus, the server 21 merely receives the positional information from the mobile terminal and selects the information to be sent to the terminal. However, Kondou does not select an apparatus from among a plurality of apparatuses to send the information to based on the position information. Moreover, Kondou does not transmits the service information to the terminal if the terminal is determined to be different from one in which the service information is already stored in. Accordingly, Kondou is not seen to disclose or to suggest the foregoing features of the present invention.

Nagendran is merely seen to select information that corresponds to location information so as to generate location-specific information. In contrast, the present invention selects one information accumulating apparatus that corresponds to location information. Additionally, Nagendran transmits location-specific information from a Base Station 10 to a Mobile Device 11 which the user carries. In contrast, the present invention transmits data from one information accumulating apparatus that has stored the data to another information accumulating apparatus corresponding to the location information if the another information accumulating apparatus is different from the one information accumulating apparatus. Accordingly, Nagendran is not seen to add anything that, when combined with Kondou, would have disclosed or suggested the present invention.

Snowdon has been studied but is not seen to add anything that, when combined with Kondou and/or Nagendran, would have rendered the present invention obvious. In

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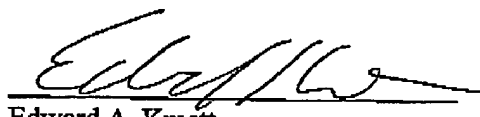
particular, Snowden, like Kondou and Nagendran, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of pursuing a location of a terminal which a user carries, selecting one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to location information indicative of the location of the terminal, and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus if the selected information accumulating apparatus which corresponds to the location information is different from the another information accumulating apparatus which has stored the data.

In view of the foregoing, amended independent Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23, 24 and 26, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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